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Southeast Hospital has once again been awarded an 'A' in the fall 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing the organization's achievements in protecting patients from harm and providing safer healthcare.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' or 'F' grade to all general hospitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

"Patient safety is always top of mind throughout our organization," said SoutheastHEALTH President and CEO Ken Bateman. "Patients who entrust their care to us know that they will be in a safe environment throughout their hospital stay. Our strong record of patient safety, along with our exceptional team of caregivers, also helped prepare us for the COVID-19 and the most challenging time in the history of SoutheastHEALTH."

"An 'A' safety grade is an elite designation that the community should be proud of," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of the Leapfrog Group. "I thank the leadership and staff of Southeast Hospital for their commitment to prioritizing patients and their safety, especially during these trying times."

Developed under the guidance of an expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute care hospitals twice a year. The National Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and results are free to the public.

To see Southeast's full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow the Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

About SoutheastHEALTH

At SoutheastHEALTH, the region's premier healthcare system in southeast Missouri, our patients receive excellent care of the highest clinical quality, close to home. Within our network are more than 50 care locations in 13 communities, including hospitals, primary and specialty care clinics representing over 30 clinical specialties and extending care for patients in a four-state area. Learn more at SEhealth.org.

About The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

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